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Little praise for California's majority-vote budget package

Republicans aren't the only budget observers whose feathers are ruffled over the majority-vote budget plan approved by legislative Democrats last night.

Representatives from some education, law enforcement, health and welfare advocacy and local government groups are bemoaning various parts of the package, which even one Democrat described as "light years from perfect," in some cases threatening legal action.

A range of responses from Democratic and Republican lawmakers and officials, education and local government groups and more are posted after the jump. The post will be updated as more reactions roll in.

Republican lawmakers and officials:

Board of Equalization Member Michelle Steel

For all the back-patting taking place in the Democratic caucus, the majority vote budget just passed once again fails to address the structural reforms needed to put our state back on track. The Governor and Democratic leaders simply switched tax hikes for billions of dollars in rosy revenue projections to call their budget balanced. This majority vote budget still includes the unconstitutional "Amazon" tax which will kill 25,000 jobs and produce no revenue, and a car-tax hike of \$12 for every California driver. Instead of passing real solutions to create jobs and economic growth, the legislative majority has chosen to cross their fingers until December, when they'll revisit the can they just kicked down the road again. In the meantime our already unsustainable debt will continue to grow, and true reform will become even harder to achieve.

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